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FERTILIZER PLANT, PULP MILL
INCREASE PRODUCTION

FERTILIZER FACTORY SURPASSES QUOTA -- Minju Chosun, 10 May 49

The workers of the Hungnam Fertilizer Manufacturing Factory have attained 106 percent of the May Day production quota through increased efficiency and strong competition among the workers.

In the ammonium sulfate manufacturing shop, the quality of the product was improved and at the same time the cost of production was reduced by a resourceful worker who improved the chemical formula. The consumption of phosphoric acid was thereby reduced to half.

Lew Sok-pung of the sulfuric acid manufacturing shop also improved the efficiency of the elevator that transports raw ore from the underground storing place. The efficiency of the elevator was increased to 320 percent and saved the labor of two workers.

Kim San-son of the fixing shop made a mechanical improvement in the six-stage packing-case compressor, increasing the efficiency of the machinery to 137.5 percent. The output increased from the usual 16 packages per day, to 22.

The production record of the Hungnam Fertilizer Manufacturing Factory for April 1946 was as follows: (monthly production quota equals 100 percent): ammonium sulfate (fertilizer) 108.6 per cent, sulfuric acid 110.3, ammonia 107.9, ammonium sulfate (chemical) 109.8, sulfate of alumina 176.8, laundry soap 114.3, toilet soap 118.0, candles 125.8, dry-cell batteries 141.0, and storage batteries 108.6.

The factory as a whole attained 112.8 percent of the quota for the month.

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PAPER-PROCESSING METHOD IMPROVED -- Minju Chosun, 8 May 49

The Sinuiju Pulp Mill attained a brilliant production record in the production contest for the celebration of May Day. The quality of the paper was improved considerably. The mill also surpassed the production quota for April by 17.5 percent.

A worker in the mill invented a new paper-processing method whereby two layers of felt used in the past were reduced to one layer without distorting the quality of the paper. This saved three felt layers, valued at 26,000 won, each month.

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